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Colonel [redacted]
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Bob:

On the completion of your tour of duty with the Central Intelligence Agency, I want to extend to you official recognition for a job extremely well done and my warm personal thanks as well.

During the past three years, you have been charged with the direction of one of the most important and sensitive activities of this Agency, performing a mission of greatest importance to the national intelligence effort. To my mind, there are few positions in our Government requiring greater confidence and trust or imposing in one individual more direct and delicate responsibility. The degree of organization and the operational effectiveness of the activity which you are now turning over to your successor give high testimony to your ability, judgment, discretion and loyalty.

With this letter go my grateful appreciation and sincere best wishes of myself and of all your colleagues for continued success in your new assignment. I look forward to the time when you will be back with us again and to close association with you in the interim.

Faithfully your friend,

~~Signature~~
WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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